

Wildflowers at Borderland

Wildflowers are many and varied at Borderland State Park, thanks to the great variety of habitat: wooded upland, wet lowland, open fields, ponds, streams and marshes.

Many of the “weeds” we would pull out of a flower garden are attractive in their own right, and all are interesting. A plant community is full of information about its habitat.

Canada Mayflower



Also known as “Wild Lily-of-the-Valley”, this tiny plant is everywhere on the forest floor. Trailing Arbutus or Mayflower, our state flower, is quite different.

(Photo courtesy Stonehill College, Roger Denome & Amy Rancourt.)

Pink Lady's-Slipper



Look for this “Moccasin-Flower” in acid woodlands in late May and early June. It stands 6 to 15 inches tall. Note the heavily veined, cleft pouch and two basal leaves. Find it at Borderland near disc golf tee 4.

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Maple-leaved Viburnum



Notice how closely the leaves resemble those of the Red Maple tree. This woodland shrub can be seen off the Boulder Trail and many other places.

(Photo courtesy Cornell University.)

Field Mustard



A 2- to 3-ft stalk covered with small yellow four-petaled flowers, this is an alien weed in many farm fields. Find it in the fields near the farmhouse.

(Photo courtesy Michael Charters)

Pitcher Plant



The Pitcher Plant is a bog species 8 to 24 inches high. It is carnivorous: insects fall into its “pitcher” lined with downward-pointing bristles and can’t escape! Look for it on the tussocks in Leach Pond.

(Photo courtesy Dan Slean, Jr.)

Pond Lily



The familiar

yellow “Spatterdock” grows in Leach Pond.

(Photo courtesy Univ. of Wisconsin Stevens Point, David G. Smith)

St. John's Wort



Named so because it blooms around June 20, St. John's Day, it grows 1-2½ ft. tall. Notice the black dots on the petal margins. Find it at the edges of the open fields.

(Photo courtesy R.D. Stevenson, EFG project, UMass Boston)

Common Buttercup



One of the many species of buttercup, this grows 2-3 ft. tall in fields and meadows.

Look for it in the low-lying fields near the Ames Mansion. A similar species, the Bulbous Buttercup, is also present. (Photo courtesy R.D. Stevenson, EFG project, UMass Boston)